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Enclosed herewith are two pages of formal replacement drawings showing Figures 1 through 4 to replace the two pages of originally filed informal drawings, as corrected by response to Office Action filed April 29, 2004, showing the same Figures. Applicant urges that the formal drawings enclosed herewith contain no new matter.

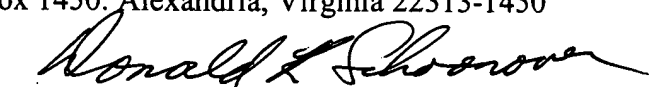
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